Swanscombe Urban District Council.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1949

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SWANSCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SWANSCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report of the Public Health conditions of the district for the year ended December, 1949.

I would take this opportunity of thanking the Council for their interest and support.

Your obedient Servant,

M. F. McDONNELL,

Medical Officer of Health.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. O. KEARY (Chairman)

- .. Mrs. A. F. Austin
- .. W. Austin
- ,, F. ALDER
- ,, E. W. BLACKWELL
- ,, T. Bodle, J.P.
- ,, C. W. BUTCHER
- J. CHILDS
- ,, P. CONNOLLY
- ,, H. E. DURRANT
- ,, P. FLETCHER
- ,, F. H. J. GARLAND
- ., G. C. HAMMOND
- ,, A. E. LINES
- ,, Rev. S. J. W. MORGAN, O.B.E., C.A.
- ,, A. F. Scutts
- ,, Mrs. E. E. Thurlow
- ,, Mrs. M. J. WRIGHT

Clerk:

Mr. F. G. PETERS.

Solicitors:

Messis. Baily & Goff.

Medical Officer of Health:

M. F. McDonnell, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector:

L. E. CROUCHER, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I. (who is also Surveyor)

Assistant Sanitary Inspector:

F. W. SHARPE (part time).

VITAL STATISTICS.

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Area (acres)	******	******	*******	******	******	2,142
Population (Census 1931)		*******	*******	******		8,541
Present estimated population	•••••	******	*****	******	*******	8,150
Estimated population, 1948	g*******	*******	g1111000	******		8,031
,, ,, 1947	*******		gpF	******		7,901
Number of inhabited houses (3)	ıst March, 1	949)	******	*** *		2,359
Number of new houses erected	year ended :	31st Dece	mber, 194	49 —		
				Prefabric	ated	. 13
		Pe	ermanent		******	15
Swan	scombe Stre			is. Bunga		11
Rateable value 31st December,						£50,995
	1949	*******	*******	*******		£50,725
,, ,, ,, ,,	- ·	********	*******	*******	*******	£58,286
Communication by management	1947	*******	*******	*******	*******	- A
Sum represented by penny rate	1949	**** **	******	*****		£147
,, ,, ,, ,, ,,	1948	******				£239
	1947	******	*******	******		£222
Number of Births 1949	*******			*******	*******	153
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,, ,, ,, 1947	*******			*******		200
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CAUSES OF DEATH IN SWANSCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT, 1949.

	Causes of Death.					Male.	Female.
A11	causes	*******	*******		******	48	33
I.	Typhoid and paratyphoid fev-	ers	*******	*******	******	_	
2.	Cerebro-spinal fever		*******	•	******		
3.	Scarlet fever	*******	****		******	-	
4.	Whooping Cough		*******	******	******		
5.	Diphtheria	*******	******	******			
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory sy	stem	*******			I	3
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis		******				
8.	Syphilitic diseases	*******	******	******	******	I	
9.	Influenza		******	,	******	I	
10.	Measles	*******	*******				
II.			0	******	*******		
12.	Ac: inf: enceph:		******		******		
13.	Cancer of mouth, etc. (m) ute	erus (f))		*******	I	I
14.	Cancer of stomach and duode	num	4 < 00 00 00 8	******	******	6	2
15.			4 * * * * * * * * * *	*******			4
16.	Cancer of other sites	******	******	******	******	12	7
17.	Diabetes		******		******	_	
18.	Intra-cranial vascular lesions		*******		******	6	3
19.	Heart disease		*****	*****	******	9	4
20.	Other disease of circ. system	******	*****	a******	******	3	I
2 I .	Bronchitis	******	8 ******		******	2	I
22.	Pneumonia	*******	******		******	I	2
23.	Other resp. diseases		*******		******	I	
24.	Ulcer of the stomach or duod	enum	*******	******	******		
25.	Diarrhoea under 2 years		******		******		_
26.	Appendicitis		*******	*******	******	_	
27.	Other digestive diseases		******	*******	******	I	I
28.	Nephritis		******	41111199	******		_
29.	Puerperal Pyrexia	******	******	******	******	_	_
30.	Other maternal causes	******	*******	******		_	
31.	Premature birth		*******	4******	******		2
32.	Congenital malformation: Bir	rth inj	ury, etc.	4**** *			-
33.		• • • • • • •	*******	******	******	_	-
34.	Road traffic accidents	******	*******			_	_
35.	Other violent causes	•••••	******		******	I	
36.	All other causes	•••••	******		•••••	2	2

BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1949.

Provisional figures based on quarterly returns.

•	126 County	148 Smaller		
		Towns (resi-		
		s dent pop.		-
England		25,000 to		
and	London	50,000 at	County	
Wales		1931 Census)	London	Swanscombe

	Rate	s per 1,000	Civilian	Population.		
Births:—						
Live	******	16.7 <i>a</i>	18.7	18.0	18.5	18.77
Still		0.39 <i>a</i>	0.47	0.40	0.37	0.36
Deaths:—				·	- ,	, and the second
All causes		11.7 <i>a</i>	12.5	11.6	12.2	9.9
Typhoid and Para-	-	•				
typhoid		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	,,,,,,,,	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00
Diphtheria	*******	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis	******	0.45	0.52	0.42	0.52	0.49
Influenza		0.15	0.15	0.14	0.11	0.12
Smallpox	*******					_
Acute Poliomyetili	s &					
Polioencephali	tis	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00
Pneumonia ,	******	0.51	0.56	0.49	0.59	0.36
Notifications (correcte	d) :—		ŭ	.,	0,7	, and the second se
Typhoid fever		0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Paratyphoid fever	*******	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00
Cerebro-spinal feve	r	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.00
Scarlet fever		1.63	1.72	1.83	1.46	3.92
Whooping Cough	******	2.39	2.44	2.39	1.70	6.99
Diphtheria		0.04	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.00
Erysipelas		0.19	0.20	0.19	0.17	0.61
Smallpox						
Measles	******	8.95	8.91	9.18	8.54	6.99
Pneumonia	*******	o.Śo	0.91	ó.65	0.55	2.20
Acute Poliomyeliti	S	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.18	0.73
Acute Polioenceph		0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00
Food poisoning		0.14	0.16	0.14	0.19	0.00
1			tes per 1	,,000 live bir	ths.	
Deaths :			-			
All causes under 1 year o	of age	32b	37	30	29)
Deaths from Diarrhoea						
enteritis under 2 y	ears					
of age		3.0	3	.8 2.4]	1.7
9				total births	(live an	d still)
Notifications (correct	eted):					
Puerperal fever	,					
and Pyrexia		6.3	I 8	3.14 5.3	O	6.82
				4		

Maternal Mortality in England and Wales.

	Rates per 1,000 total (live and still) births.	Rates per million women aged 15-44.
140 Abortion with sepsis	0.11	8
141 Abortion without sepsis	0.05	4
147 Puerperal infections	0.11	
142-146) Other maternal		
148-150) causes	0.71	
(a) Rates per 1,000 total popula	ition.	(b) Per 1,000 related births.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA. Particulars of Day Nurseries, Welfare Centres and Ante-Natal Clinics.

Where Centres are held in alternate weeks it is advisable to contact the County Medical Officer to ascertain when the centre is open.

Centres and Clinics held "a.m." are usually open from 10.0 a.m.—12 noon. Centres and Clinics held "p.m." are usually open from 2.0 p.m.—4 p.m.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS.

In the case of every child born it is the duty of the father of the child, if at the time of the birth he is actually residing on the premises where the birth takes place, and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after the birth to send notice of the birth within thirty-six hours to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Hall, Maidstone.

Postcards with prepaid postage for this purpose are supplied to Medical Practitioners, Midwives, Hospitals and Maternity Homes, on application to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS.

Special outfits for use when premature babies are to be nursed at home, or for their conveyance to hospital, are available free on application by a doctor or midwife at the following address:—

The Surgeon Superintendent, County Hospital, Farnborough.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS AND POST-NATAL CLINICS.

AREA No. 5.

Advice and ante-natal care is given at these Clinics. Post-natal examinations are carried out at Ante-Natal Clinics.

SWANSCOMBE U.

New Parish Hall, Swanscombe, 1st and 3rd Monday,—2 p.m.

WOMEN'S WELFARE CLINICS.

These clinics are provided for the purpose of giving advice on women's minor ailments, sterility and on contraception where such advice is necessary for medical reasons.

AREA No. 5. GRAVESEND B.

Central, Windmill Street, Gravesend, 2nd and 4th Saturday, — a.m.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

These centres are open at the days and times set out for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of infants and children under the age of five years. Infant foods, National Dried Milk and Ministry of Food Vitamin products are issued at these centres. A Medical Officer and a Health Visitor are in attendance at each centre.

Ministry of Food Offices and other Centres are also available for the supply of National Dried Milk and Ministry of Food Vitamin products for Expectant and Nursing Mothers and for children under five years of age.

SWANSCOMBE U.

New Parish Hall, Swanscombe Knockhall Lodge, Greenhithe Thursday, 2 p.m. Tuesday, 2 p.m.

DAY NURSERIES.

These nurseries provide accommodation for the daily care of children under five years of age.

Development Plan.

The policy will be to maintain only those nurseries which are necessary for the children of women who are unmarried, widowed, separated, having to work because of a dependent husband, or by reason of illness or confinement are unable to look after their families, and children from families who are living in conditions inimical to the proper care of young children, and exceptionally children from a family where the father is himself endeavouring to bring up a family but can secure no one to look after a child under 5 years of age during ordinary working hours.

GRAVESEND B.

"Glendillon," Old Road Matron—Mrs. Luckhurst.
"Daneholm," Pelham Road Matron—Miss Rigden.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

Facilities for vaccination, free of direct cost, against smallpox are available for infants at all Child Welfare Clinics and all Medical Practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme.

Vaccine Lymph can be obtained from the County Laboratory, Maidstone, by all medical practitioners carrying out vaccination under the Council's arrangements.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Facilities for immunisation, free of cost, are available at all Child Welfare Centres, and at special Immunising Clinics, and all Medical Practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme, which provides for free immunisation against diphtheria. The child should normally have the first injection between the ages of eight months and one year; and reinforcing doses shortly before starting school and again at nine years of age.

Supplies of A.P.T. and T.A.F. can be obtained from the County Laboratory, Maidstone, by all practitioners carrying out immunisation under the Council's arrangements.

DOMESTIC HELP.

This service is to provide domestic help for households where such help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying in, and expectant mothers, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age. Householders are required to contribute towards the cost in accordance with their means.

AREA No. 5. GRAVESEND B.

Apply to Domestic Help Section, c/o Health Department, 3, Woodville Terrace, Gravesend. Telephone: Gravesend 317.

NORTHFLEET U.

Apply to Domestic Help Section, c/o Council Offices, Northfleet. Telephone Gravesend 1720.

SWANSCOMBE U.

As for Gravesend.

HEALTH VISITORS.

These officers are appointed for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, persons suffering from illness and expectant and nursing mothers and as to the measure necessary to prevent the spread of infection.

The Health Visitors also undertake duties in connection with the School Health Service.

SWANSCOMBE.

Miss Gray 2, New House Lane, Northfleet.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

This service, which is free, is to secure that an adequate number of midwives are employed by the Council for attending women in their own homes, either as midwives or maternity nurses.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of midwives in Area 5 are given below.

HOME NURSING SERVICE.

This service, which is free, is to secure the attendance of nurses on persons who require nursing in their own homes. Apart from cases of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurse has been requested to do so by a doctor At the present time it is not possible to provide a night service.

The names and addresses of Home Nurses in Area No. 5 are given below. Where

the nurse is on the telephone the number is also given.

Midwives:

Miss M. G. Barron
98, Leonard Avenue,
Swanscombe, Kent.
67, Broomfield Road,
Swanscombe, Kent.
Gravesend 2385.
Gravesend 4121.
Swanscombe, Kent.

Home Nurse:

Miss R. E. Radburn 94, Ames Road, Gravesend 2910. Swanscombe, Kent.

COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The County Council is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive ambulance service throughout the County. Other than in cases of accident and emergency, no ambulance or car will be provided except on the recommendation of a doctor, midwife, hospital or District Officer.

To facilitate the call-out of ambulance in cases of accident or emergency, arrangements have been made with the Post Office Authorities for such calls to be passed automatically to the nearest manned fire station the staff of which will assume the responsibility of dealing with the emergency. The arrangement will not operate where direct lines exist between public call boxes and ambulance stations.

The service will be provided by (a) vehicles provided and manned by the County Council; (b) vehicles operated and manned by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, British Red Cross Society and the Margate Ambulance Corps acting as agents of the Council and (c) sitting case cars provided through the Hospital Car Service as the agents of the Council.

		Vehicle S	trength		
Ambulance Station and Address.	Operated by	Ambul- ances	S/C Cars	Telephone No.	Neighbour- ing Stations
Dartford:	Kent County				
County Hospital	Council St. John	4	3	Dartford 3223	Crayford Bexley
Serena Headquarters, Princes Road	Ambulance Brigade	3	_	Dartford 2711	Erith Farningham
Northfleet:					
The Hill, Northfleet	St. John Ambulance Brigade	2		Gravesend 4603	Gravesend Rochester Dartford
Gravesend:	8				
Commercial Place, Gravesend	St. John Ambulance Brigade	5	_	Gravesend 854	Northfleet Rochester Dartford

Medical Loan Depots.

GRAVESEND (B.R.C.S.) 12, Singlewell Road

NORTHFLEET (St. John) 69, Dover Road (Mr. C. J. Sims. 'Phone Northfleet 4603) Gravesend (St. John) Park House, Park Pl. (Miss L. Smith, 'Phone Gravesend 854)

By appointment with Mrs. Roberts. 'Phone Gravesend 403. Monday-Friday, 7.30 p.m.— 9 p.m. Daily 8 a.m.—8 p.m.

Ministry of National Insurance:

The Gravesend Local Office is situated at "Ravenscourt," Pelham Road, Gravesend.

PROVISION OF NURSING REQUISITES.

Arrangements have been made with the British Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Brigade for the continuance of the Medical Loan Depots on behalf of the County Council. The full range of nursing requisities will be available at these depots and details of the addresses and the times the depots are open for distribution are available in the district offices. These arrangements will be in addition to the loan cupboards kept by District Nurses. The depots will deal with all applications for the loan of nursing requisites.

HOSPITAL SERVICES.

Hospital and specialist services, including institutions for the chronic sick, mental homes, maternity homes, convalescent homes, dispensaries and out-patient department are administered by the Regional Hospital Boards set up by the Minister of Health. The Southeast Metropolitan Regional is responsible for all hospitals in Kent, but for day Hospital Board to day administration Hospital Management Committees are set up to deal with groups of hospitals.

The District Officer is supplied with particulars relating to each hospital in his district, but generally speaking admission to hospital is a matter for the doctor in charge of the patient and he will make arrangements direct with the hospital authorities, calling upon the County Ambulance Service for the removal of the patient to hospital where this is considered necessary.

(For details see appendix)

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

These officers are responsible for—

Duties as authorised Officers under the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts.

Acting as representatives of the County Health Department in dealing with enquiries made by the Public and arranging for County Health Services to be made available in cases of difficulty.

Carrying out the duties of the County Council under the National Assistance Act in (a) arranging admissions of old, handicapped and homeless people to residential establishments other than in cases of sickness; (b) the care of moveable property of patients who are admitted to hospital or a residential establishment provided by the Council where it appears that there is danger of loss or damage to the property.

DISTRICT OFFICERS AND ASSISTANTS.

	District.	Name and Address of Officer.	Office Telephone No.	Home Telephone No.
14.	GRAVESEND Northfleet Swanscombe and part of Strood Rural	Office: Arthur Street, Gravesend District Officer: Mr. G. T. JEFFERY, 357, Watling Street, Dartford Assistant District Officer: Mr. J. H. KEIGHLEY, 108, Green Walk, Crayford	Gravesend 166	Dartford 3143 Bexleyheath 2163

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES.

Minor Ailment, Aural, Child Guidance, Dental, Ophthalmic, Orthopaedic and Speech Clinics.

Minor Ailment Clinics:

Gravesend, Windmill Street

Denton, 107, Rochester Road Northfleet, West Kent House, Station Road

Dartford, West Hill Hospital

*Aural Clinics:

Gravesend, Gravesend Hospital

Chatham, County Hospital

*Child Guidance Clinics:

Chatham, 118, Maidstone Road

Dental Clinics:

Northfleet, West Kent House, Station Road

Gravesend, 5, Manor Road

In addition temporary clinics are held at Stone, Bean, Hartley, Longfield, Meopham

*Ophthalmic Clinics:

Gravesend and North Kent

Hospital

Dartford, County Hospital

Gravesend (Borough), Gravesend and North Kent Hospital Chatham, 118, Maidstone Road

*Orthopaedic Clinics:

Dartford, County Hospital

Gravesend Borough

St. Bart's Hospital, Rochester

*Speech Clinic:

Chatham, "Elmsleigh," 118, Maidstone Road

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.0—10.0 a.m.

Every Tuesday and Friday, 9.0-10.0 a.m.

Health Visitor attends every morning from 9.0 to 10.0 a.m., and Medical Officer on every Saturday morning.

Health Visitor attends every morning from 9.0 to 10.0 a.m. and Medical Officer every Friday and Saturday morning.

E.N.T. Surgeon attends every Wednesday afternoon in the month.

E.N.T. Surgeon attends every Thursday morning in the month.

Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (all day), and Saturday mornings (by appointment).

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, all day

Every day.

Southfleet, Fawkham, Higham and Shorne, Horton Kirby and Cobham.

Every Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoons.

1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday in the month, all day. Every Monday in the month, all day.

Every Friday afternoon.

Every Monday, all day. Every Wednesday, all day. 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday mornings

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday mornings in the month.

Physiotheraphy daily.

Referred to Orthopaedic Surgeon at Gravesend Hospital, by arrangement.

Every Tuesday, 4—6 p.m. (Surgeon).

Physiotheraphy daily.

Every Tuesday afternoon and all day Thursday.

*Children attend at these clinics by appointment.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following temporary arrangements have been made for the reception and treatment of cases of infectious diseases:—

Smallpox.

The existing arrangement whereunder the first few cases of smallpox are admitted to CLANDON HOSPITAL is cancelled: in future these cases will be admitted to THE RIVER HOSPITALS (LONG REACH), DARTFORD, Kent. Applications for admission to that Hospital should be made to:—

Dr. H. MITMAN. Telephone No. Dartford 3231

by the Consultant who diagnoses a case of Smallpox or by the Medical Officer of Health on his behalf.

Worcester Training Ship, off Greenhithe, to the Port of London Authority Hospital, Gravesend. Telephone: Gravesend 257.

With effect from Monday, 10th July, 1950, all applications for the admission of infectious cases to Hospital should be made to The Medical Superintendent of the River Hospitals, Joyce Green (Telephone No.: Dartford 3231).

The Bow Arrow Hospital will cease to admit ordinary Infectious cases after 9th July, 1950.

Scarlet Fever:		Measles:	
Cases notified Cases removed to Hospital % of cases removed	25 2 8%	Cases notified Cases removed to Hospital	48 o
Whooping Cough: Cases notified Cases removed to Hospital	57 o	Poliomeyelitis: Cases notified Cases removed to hospital % of cases removed	66.6
Pneumonia: Cases notified Cases removed to Hospital % of cases removed	14 0 0	Diphtheria: Cases notified	0
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Tuberculosis.

The following statement relates to the number of cases appearing on the Councils at 31st December, 1949:—

		ılmonaı	~	Pτ	Non- ilmonai		213-4-1
	171.	, F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	Totals
(a) No. of cases of Tuberculosis or the register at the commencement of the year	-	42	91	15	9	24	115
(b) No. of cases remaining on the register at the end of the year	58	48	106	16	9	25	131
(c) No. of cases notified during the year	-	9	23	I	_	I	24
(d) No. of deaths during the year	4	2	6	I		I	7

The following are the ages and occupations of those persons notified during the year:—

Age M. F.	Occupation	A M.	ge F.	Occupation
2 2 4 5 5 5 10 15 18 19 21 22 23	School ,, H.M. Forces H.M. Forces Clerk Time Keeper Electrical Com. Fit.	36 39 40 40 45 52	27 28 28 30 41	Housewife Cleaner—Cinema Housewife Housewife Pipe Fitter Paper Packer Unemployed Labourer Housewife Leather goods maker Labourer O.A.P.

DISPENSARIES.

Gravesend and North Kent Hospital, Gravesend 41 Overy Street, Dartford,

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. Mondays 10-12 a.m.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925. There was no need for action under these regulations.

Public Health Act 1925 Section 62. Public Health Act 1936 Section 172.

There was no occasion for action under these Sections.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA AND VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX, 1949.

against diphtheria and (B) the number of persons who were vaccinated against smallpox, during the year ended 31st December, The following is a return of (A) the number of children resident in the Urban District of Swanscombe, who were immunised

(A) Diphtheria Immunisation.

	<u> </u>	1
Total	142	19
1935	1	
1936		
1937		
1938	н	
1939	7	23
1940	4	2
1941		2
1942	8	13
1943	J.	29
1944	7	12
1945	4	I
1949 1948 1947 1946 1945	I3	
1947	15	
1948	84	
6+61	4	
Year of Birth	Primary Inoculations	Reinforcing Inoculations

(B) Vaccination.

				The state of the s	
Age at 31st Dec., 1949	Under 1	I to 4	5 to 14	15 or over Total	Total
7 Number Vaccinated	29	13	4	ī	41
Number Re-Vaccinated		I	H	6	II

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, 1949.

The following is a return of the number of children resident in the Urban District of Swanscombe under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1949, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January, 1935).

Total	ι,199
1949	
1948	16
1947	94
1946	128
1945	117
1944	102
1943	811
1942	16
1941	85
1940	19
1939	58
1938	45
1937	84
1936	25
1935	93
Year fo Birth	

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION STATISTICS, 1949, SWANSCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT.

Estimates of the population aged under 15, as at 30th June, 1949, in the above area have been prepared by the Registrar General and are furnished for use with the statistics of diphtheria immunisation; they are as follows:— Number of children aged 5-14 years (inclusive).....1,054 Number of children aged 0-4 years (inclusive)___734

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

	Cases						
Notified	Tre	ated	Vision Unim- paired	Vision Im- paired	Total Blind- ness	Deaths	
2 votimed	At Home	In Hospital					
			_				

Venereal Diseases.

County Hospital,	Men	Mondays	4-6 p.m.
Dartford.	Women	Mondays	11-1 p.m.
22, Cobham Street,	Men	Thursdays	3.30-5 p.m.
Gravesend.		Tuesdays	11.30-1.30 p.m.
	Women		2-3.30 p.m. 2-3.30 p.m.

The undermentioned figures show the number of cases suffering from V.D. attending Dartford and Gravesend V.D. Clinics from Swanscombe Urban District:—

New Patients.				Tot	al.
Syphilis	s******	*******	******		
Gonorrhoea	******	******		•••••	
Non-Venereal	******	******	******	******	7
No. of attendances of Swanscombe patients					

There were no defaulters from Swanscombe before completion of treatment during 1949.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Registration District:

Darent Valley

Registrar:

Mrs. J. Maltby.

Comprising Swanscombe U.D.C. and Dartford R.D.

Head Office:

The Register Office,

West Hill,

Dartford.

Telephone No. 3881.

Monday 9. a.m.—12 noon Tuesday 9 a.m.—12 noon Wednesday 9 a.m.—12 noon Thursday 2 p.m.—5 p.m. Friday 2 p.m.—5 p.m.

Registration Stations:

Church Cottage, London Road, Greenhithe. 1st and 3rd Thursday in each month. 9.45 a.m.—10.45 a.m.

Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Church Road. Swanscombe. Every Thursday, II a.m. to I2 noon

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Reports received on samples taken from various sources on the Metropolitan Water Board Supply to the area.

Date of Samples 1949.	No. of organisms capable of grow	Remarks.	
	37°C.	at 22°C.	
8th March	0	I	Good water.
17th May	o	0	Good water
9th June	0	0	Good water.
4th August	О	О	Good water.
10th October	О	0	Good water.
17th November	О	2	Good water.
12th December	О	0	Good water.

Reports received on samples taken from various wells and mains supplying factories situated in the district.

Date of samples	No. of organisms per	c.c.	Remarks.
1949.	capable of growth of		
3.3	at		
	37°C.	22°C.	
8th February	0	2	Good water.
4th April	О ,	О	Good water.
i5th Ĵuly	O	0	Good water.

SWIMMING POOL.

Reports received on samples taken from the Swimming Pool.

Date of sample 1949.			nisms per c.c. growth on agar	Remarks.
		00	at oa	
ath Luna	Door oud	37°C.	22°C. 8	
9th June	Deep-end Shallow-end	3		Satisfactory. Satisfactory.
11th July	Deep-end	4 6,970	7 5,700	There is evidence of
irth July	Shallow-end	28	1,040	recent faecal con-
	Shanow end	20	2,040	tamination.
20th July	Deep-end	33	18	
<i>5 2</i>	Shallow-end	54	30	be improved.
(1)		•		1
29th July	Deep-end	5,706	10,270	There is no evidence
	Shallow-end	639	1,014	of recent faecal
				contamination.
(2)	D 1	(17
16th August		3,296	2,345	
(2)	Shallow-end	11,982	9,710	treated bath water.
(3) 29th August	Deen-end	302	407	No evidence of recent
29th August	Shallow-end	2,312	407 7,625	faecal contamination
	onanow ena	2,512	7,023	inoliamination
Attendances	1048: Adu	lts 2,870.	Spectators	772
	<i>)</i>		for admission	8,894
		Children fron	1 schools	2,991
Attendances	1949:		Spectators	425
				16,493
		Children from		3,503
		Beaver Swim Season Ticket		1,271
		Season Ticket	riolucis	158

SEWAGE.

The following samples of Sewage effluent have been taken from the Works, they are itemised as follows .--

	Impurity figure.	78	49	4	911	48	34	37	71	48	53
	Dissolved Oxygen sysperitement 5days	27.1	16.3	ľ	35	15.6	8.0	27	21.6	21.9	0.61
	Oxygen absorbed 4.7°C.	5.44	3.04	2.62	3.24	2.78	1.44	2.53	2.66	3.42	2.74
	Oxygen absorbed \$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	2.66	2.15	1.60	2.18	1.47	0.7	1.34	1.73	2.72	92.1.
	Nitrogen as Nitrites.	Very faint	None	Trace	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
	Nitrogen as Nitrates	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
	Albunindih. Ammonin.	1.02	0.68	0.61	2.0	0.68	0.54	0.48	1.16	19.0	0.78
	Free Ammonia.	7.34	5.3	3.26	5.6	4.90	1.36	4.62	4.42	6.94	8.4
	Chlorine.	94	139	184	147	149	217	137	105	29.2	228
	Total solid residue.	260	358	416	371	362	480	337	248	218	351
	Solids in Suspension.	5.0	37.5	11.0	8.8	3.5	2.5	5.8	10.8	10.0	11.0
	Dates.	6/1/49	26/1/49	15/3/49	30/3/49	3/5/49	26/5/49	23/6/49	20/7/49	6/IO/49	15/12/49
-		(I)	(2)	(E)		(5)	(9)	(2)	(8)	(6)	(10)

Port of London Authority Impurity Figure, 70.

SEWAGE.
GROUP SAMPLE.

Impurity figure.		Ì				83
Н		7.16		7.12		7.18
Total Sulphide		0.32		0.38		0.33
Oxygen absorbed 4. Nour at 26.7°C.		16.14		9.91		6.33
Oxygen absorbed \$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\		8.08		8.2		3.42
Nitrogen as Nitrites.		None		None		None
Nitrogen as Nitrates	ds Lane.	None		None		None
bionimudlA sinomutA	and Craylands Lane	3.88		4.1		1.02
Free Ammonia.	Road an	1.91		16.5		6.11
Chlorine.	London	0.6	نید	10.4		14.8
Total solid	Junction	83	the Infe	101	Outlet.	III
Solids in Suspension.	taken at	98	taken at	93	taken at	7.5
Dates.	Samples No. 1, taken at Junction London Road	(I) 14/II/49	Sample No. 2, taken at the Inlet.	(2) 14/11/49	Sample No. 3 taken at Outlet.	(3) 14/11/49

CIRCULAR 2831—PROMOTION OF CLEANLINESS, GOOD HABITS AND THE ELIMINATION OF VERMINOUS CONDITIONS.

Cleansing Station, Brook Vale, Northfleet, is adapted for the cleansing of verminous persons, lethane is used in cases of infestation of head. Clothing is disinfected by steam disinfection while patients are undergoing treatment.

During 1949, 10 persons and contacts were treated.

CEMENT DUST NUISANCE.

During the year a conference took place between the Cement Investigation Committee and representatives of the Ministry of Health.

Each Member of the Committee made various observations upon the report to the Parliamentary Secretary, and in particular drew special attention to the following points:—

(1) The effect upon the housewives living in the area.

(2) Although no proof could be obtained by the Committee of the effect of the dust being detrimental to health, it was felt that it was a muisance, and attention was drawn to paragraphs 56 to 60 and 61 (as amended by the Conference) of the Report of the Committee.

(3) That consideration should be given as to whether the staff of the Ministry of Health dealing with works of this nature was adequate for the work to

be performed.

(4) A suggestion was made that greater powers should be given to Local Authorities to deal with this type of nuisance through the Health Department.

(5) That copies of the Reports by the Alkali Inspectors should be furnished to

the respective Local Authorities.

The three Members of Parliament each emphasized the deleterious effect of the

nuisance relating to their respective constituencies.

The Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Mr. A. Blenkinsop, in reply stated he had recently visited some works on the Thames-side area and said that apart from the question of its effect upon health, he had no doubt about the nuisance caused by cement dust.

He pointed out, as was stated in the Report of the Committee, that priorities for steel had received the support of the Ministry of Health and a large amount of plant had been delivered. As a result, he was informed that there was a considerable improvement in both high and low level emission. Due to the urgent need for cement there was no likelihood of the existing Cement Factories being removed, but it was the policy of the Government that new factories for the manufacture of cement should be erected in other parts of the country. The problem that remained, therefore, was to reduce the nuisance to a minimum.

It was hoped that the whole of the Factories in the Thames-side area would be provided with the necessary dust arrestment plant within a period of 2 years and the Ministry of Health were satisfied that when this was installed it would be such as to get the nuisance down to a minimum.

The Chief Inspector of Alkali, etc., Works, Mr. W. A. Damon, confirmed that in his opinion when electrostatic precipitation plant was installed in all the factories

there should be 95% efficiency of dust arrestment.

It had been ascertained that the dust from the low level emission was greater than was at first thought, but appropriate steps were being taken to deal with this question.

Reference was also made by Mr. Damon to other steps which were being taken in connection with the grinding mills and bagging plants and to the general "tidying

up " of the works. Improvements in these directions were having a good effect in reducing the dust nuisance.

The Committee feel that as a result of their meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary, the question of dust nuisance in the Thamesiside area will continue to receive the very serious consideration of the Department, but they repeat the statement contained in paragraph 51 of their Report, that when every possible step has been taken to reduce the nuisance to the lowest possible minimum there will still be a nuisance at times as a slip of even 5% through the dust arrestment plant in connection with a big cement production would be equivalent to a substantial deposit per square mile per annum.

Position on 10th February, 1950.

A.P.C.M., Ltd., Kent Works. The programme here is essentially complete: secondary matters only remain.

B.P.C.M., Ltd., Johnson Works. The programme here is also virtually completed, the matters remaining being mainly concerned with the minimisation by modernisation of existing older dust plants, of emissions arising from the conveying of clinker.

A.P.C.M., Ltd., Swanscombe. Three of the four electrical precipitators are now to be completely overhauled. The programme will not be completed until the Autumn of 1951 and during this period there will always be one kiln at work without any special external means of dust arrestment. Completion of the extensive programme for minimisation of low level dust not expected until Autumn 1951.

A.P.C.M., Ltd., Bevans Works. The position is unchanged.

Alpha Cement Ltd., Grays. No special comment.

Tunnel Portland Cement Co., Ltd. The electrical precipitation plant mentioned as under construction is now completed and awaits a suitable opportunity for connection to the kiln and chimney. Handling of clinker is still productive of local dust, but there is now hope that installation of a new system will result in appreciably improved conditions in two years time.

B.P.C.M., Ltd., Wouldham. The dust arrestment plant to deal with emissions

from the grinding mills now installed.

Rugby Cement Works, Halling. Complaints received regarding fumes. The management are of the opinion that this is due to the high sulphur content in the coal allotted to the works.

Crown and Quarry Works, Frindsbury. Manager reports he is overhauling

dust arresting plant and is experimenting with a new type.

Alpha Works, Cliffe. There are three kilns all of which were equipped with electrical precipitators. Corrosion, etc., troubles have been serious, with the result that one precipator has been dismantled and razed and is to be entirely rebuilt. Following this a second precipitator which is still at work will be reconstructed. Although the third is in a reasonably satisfactory state it follows that the overall dust emission is higher than for some time and will remain so until the repair programme is completed. Under these circumstances there seems no point in making dust tests on the chimney gases. Low level emissions, e.g. from gringing of clinker are receiving attention and a tidying-up of the works is taking place.

The above gives the main features: there are, however, other points which might have been made, e.g., the continued policy of levelling and grassing, the installation of means to reduce emissions from the carbonate of lime plant at the Johnsons Works, the installation of new clinker coolers at Kent Works, thereby reducing certain local emissions. Moreover the programme has in some instances been extended by the Companies themselves, e.g., the extension of the low level dust

arrestment programme at Swanscombe to include the Snowcrete section.

It will be appreciated that so long as the huge production continues in this restricted area the irreducible minimum of dust emission will still be such as to give cause for complaint.

The Companies are co-operating and the works are facing up to their respon-

sibilities in a satisfactory manner.

MILK SUPPLY.

Thirty-nine samples of milk were submitted for bacteriological examination. One sample did not satisfy the test.

Action and Result.

After appropriate action the proprietor concerned discontinued the business of bottling and distribution of milk.

Samples of school milk as supplied by W. E. Southwood, Vale Road Dairy, Northfleet, were taken monthly by the Public Health Department, Northfleet Urban District Council, all of which proved satisfactory.

There are no dairies or bottling establishments situated in this district.

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947.

There are sixteen establishments in the district, thirteen are registered for retail only. Two are registered to make ice cream, with cold mix and one with heat treatment as prescribed by the regulations.

Following an inspection of the premises with the Sanitary Inspector two of manufacturers of cold mix have discontinued the sale of Ice Cream whilst the third changed to retail only.

Eighty samples were submitted for bacteriological examination with the result that 43 were of grade 1, 18 of grade 2, 10 of grade 3 and 9 of grade 4.

In no case were pathogenic organisms cultivated.

	FOOD	AND	DRUGS	ACT, 1938.	
Article.				Genuine.	Adulterated.
Barley flour	*******		******	I	
Barracouta Fish fillets			******	I	
Butter Mints	******	******		I	I
Cheese Sandwich	******	******	*******	I	
Gee's Linctus	•••••	•••••	******	I	
Gelatine	••••••	•••••	******	I	
Ginger Conserve	*****	***** **	*******	I	
Ice Cream	******	*******	******	2	
Maralyn Milk Plus	*******	******	*******	I	
Metatone	******	******	******	I	
Milk	*******	******	******	14	
Potted Meat	******	••••••	•••••	I	•
Prescription I	******	******	•••••	I	
Red Poppy and Tolin	******		*******	I	
Rheumatic Tablets	*****	******	******	I	
Salad Cream	******	*******	******	I	
Self Raising Flour	******	******	*******	I	
Soup Powder	******	*******	******	I	
Sweephat	******	*******		I	
Tonic Syrup	4.****	******	******	I	
Whisky	4******	******	******	2	
				36	I
			23		

Details of Unsatisfactory sample.

Butter Mints. Total Fat 0.85% possibly butter. Under investigation.

OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED.

4	13 oz.	tins	Evaporated Milk.
2	$14\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	,,	. ,,
3		,,	Ideal Milk.
21		,,	Condensed Milk.
I	1 lb.	,,	Plums.
3	1 lb. 12 oz.	,,	,,
	1 lb. 14 oz.	, ,,	Australian Fruits.
	20 oz.	,,	Tomato Soup.
I	1 lb.	,,	,, ,,
I	1 lb.	,,	Tomato Juice.
I	16F oz.	,,	Beans in Tomato Sauce.
15	2 lb.	,,	Jam.
2	1 lb. 3 oz.	,,	Processed Peas.
	7 oz.	• •	Cartons Cheeses.
	1 lb. 2 oz.	tin	Vael and Ham Loaf.
	14 lb. 11 ozs.		Bacon.
	$10\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.		Brawn.
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HOUSING STATISTICS.

1.	Inst	pection of dwelling-houses.	
	(1)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects under	
	` '	Public Health or Housing Acts	353
			353
	(2)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under the preceding heading)	
	` ′	which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated	
		Aniendment Regulations, 1925 and 1932	292
		Number of inspections made for that purpose	292
	(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or	
	(0)	injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	9
	(4)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit	
		for human habitation	145
2.	Ren	medy of Defects without service of Formal Notices.	
		Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of	
		informal action by the L.A. or its officers	69
3.	Act	ion under Statutory Powers.	
	(a)	<i>y.</i>	
		(I) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were	
		served requiring repairs	84
		(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service	
		of fomal notices:—	
		(a) By Owners	22
		(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	
		(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
		(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were	
		served requiring defects to be remedied	61
		24	

	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied aft	er
	service of formal notices:—	
	(a) By Owners	I I
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	······
(c)	Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition order	ers
	were made	
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance	of
	demolition orders	3
(d)	Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
• ′	(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respe	ect
	of which closing orders were made	
	(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respe	ect
	of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or roo	
	having been rendered fit	

NNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1949.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SWANSCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1949 of work carried out under the Public Health, Housing, Factories and Food and Drugs Acts, etc.

Investigation was carried out of all cases of infectious diseases, disinfection of beddings, clothing and premises, inspection under the Factory and Workshops Act, inspection of foods, sampling of milk and water, etc., investigation of complaints, interviewing builders and owners of property concerning sanitary work. Other duties are clerical work in connection with the above and administration and supervision of the Cleansing Department.

Number of complaints received	ved duri	ng the y	ear	*******	*******		154
Total number of visits mad	e	•••••	*******	*******	******	******	2033
Preliminary Notices served	*******		******	*******	******	******	145
,, ,, complie	ed with	******	*******	******	*****000		69
Statutory Notices served	*******	******	********	*******	********	••••••	44
,, ,, complied	with	****	*******	******	*******	******	33
Verbal notice only was give	n on 27	occasions	S.				
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Visits made by Sanitary	Inspecto	rs durir	of the v	ear 1949	:		
First visits, Public Health Ac				_	*******		292
Re-visits, Public Health Act	, -				******		121
Infectious disease enquiries		******	******	*******	444444		195
Inspections of verminous pr	emises	41010000	******	*******	*******	*******	6
Visits in connection with ve		persons	**********	*******		*******	10
Water supply and subsequen		I	*******	41010000	4442000		IO
Drainage inspections					******	*******	60
Drains tested	*******	*******	9 00 00000	*******	******	******	43
Visits regarding cesspools	1010000	00011000	*******	*******	******	*******	I
Housing Act visits and revisi		0000004	******	*******	******	******	705
Moveable dwelling inspection			*******	*******			2
Rats and mice primary visits			*******	*******	*****	00000000	112
Rats and mice subsequent vis		******	01100000		******	0. 41 ****	107
Factories visited		£000000	*******	*******	4000000	*******	35
Bakehouse—basement	*******	ABB80000	4414000	4400000	*******		
Bakehouses—ground level		01100000	0000000	*******	9000000	******	II
Food premises	4.4	******	AAA40000	*******	********	*******	250
Dairies and milkshops	4140000	*******	******	*******	******		
Milk sampling	**********		0.00000		******	******	39
Water sampling	******	*******	possoco	********		******	10
Sewage sampling		8 xx 00000	0.00000	***********	*********		13
Stables	*******	0000000	9100000	4000000	*******	******	-3
Miscellaneous, accumulations	animals		40000001	******	*******	a	5
Swimming Pool (water samp)		*******	*******	00001000	01-00010		5 6
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The following is a summa	ary of nui	sances an	d d e f	ects r	emedied	during th	e yea	ar :
Accumulations of offensive	refuse re	moved	******			*******	******	5
Animals in an unfit state	******	*******			*****	*******	*******	6
Ashbins provided	*******	g	64 000000		p4 2 > 2 0 0 0	********	******	61
Ceilings repaired	******	******	******		*******	6400004	******	76
Cesspools repaired or abolis	lied	810>000	*******		•••••	*******	*****	Í
Chimney stacks repaired or		*******			01*****	00107100	*******	3
Chimney flues repaired	******		******		accooos	********	******	3
Doors repaired or renewed		******			8000000	******		9
Door frames repaired or re-	newed							4
Drainage Systems:—		•	********		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	*******	•••••	-1
Drains repaired or reco	nstructeo	1						I
Drains Cleansed							*******	19
Gulley traps repaired of		-d	******			*******	*******	2
Gulley trap gratings pr			80010845	,	*******	e>******	*******	
Soil and vent pipes pro		00000000	*******			********	*******	I
Inspection chambers re			*******	•	,	********	*******	I
Eaves gutters repaired or r	•	*******			0+*****	p	*******	
Firegrates repaired or renev		********	******			********	*******	14 1
		 -1	 A		*******	0.00000	********	
Fireplaces, brickwork and p	piastei wo.	ik repaire	eu .	•		2004000	00200400	I
Floors repaired or relaid			******		******	*******	******	12
Floors, sub-floor ventilation			P1 ******		*******	*******	*******	2
Rainwater downspouts repa	irea or i	renewed	*******		0000000	0000000	******	2
Roofs repaired		******	*******		p	0******	******	19
Sinkstones repaired or rene			******		********	*******	******	_
Sink waste pipes repaired of	or renewe	ed	********		*******		*******	—
Staircase repaired	*******	gg+\	******			******	******	I
Stoves repaired or renewed	0******	******	******		+0 00 00 00	go *******	******	2
Rats, premises treated	*******	98******	*******		e++ ea***	*******		48
Verminous rooms	*******		•••••		*******	0000000		9
Walls, brickwork repaired or	*	ed	*******		0>000444			26
Wall, damp proof course ins		*******	******		******	••••••	*******	4
Walls, internal plasterwork		*******			******	******		83
Washing boilers, coppers rep	oaired or	renewed	******		******	******	******	7
Water closets:—								
External structure repa	aired	*******	******		******			12
Internal structure repa	ired	g>>+000P	******			*******	******	3
Flushing cisterns repair	red or re	newed			*******	*******	******	3
Flush pipes repaired or	r renewed	d	400.000			******	*******	I
Basins and traps renew	ed	******	*******		*******	*******	*******	2
Seats repaired or renev	wed	******				******	04 00 4500	3
Water supply, supply pipes		paired	******		*******	e> ********	******	II
Windows, woodwork of fram			epair	red or	renewed	1	8000000	45
Yard Surfaces repaired or re		******			******	*******		9
Miscellaneous	******		*******			********	*******	12
Approximate number of set	parate pr		the	area		******		2359
Number of premises containing each type of sanitary convenience in district								
(approximate):—								
TIT (V) Tille destination and desire	87007000	2433	V	V.C's	into cess	pools	******	86
Earth closets or privy midde		I		ail Cl			******	3
Transfer of Party Milate								3

INFECTION AND DISINFECTION.

During the year 176 cases of infectious diseases were investigated, viz:

Included in this was the supervision of the disinfection of same.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

(1) The number of (a) Council Houses 3; (b) other houses 4; (i) found to be infested 7; (ii) disinfested 7.

(2) The method employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs is by fumigation, (Fumite), contains D.D.T. 60% in weight.

(3) The method employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin, routine inspection and disinfestation.

(4) The work of disinfestation: (a) Council Houses, Local Authority. (b) Private houses, Local Authority at owner's cost.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919. INFESTATION ORDER SR & O 1943 No. 680.

In accordance with Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Circular N.S. No. 19, a test was made of the Sewer and was found to be rat fee.

Surface Infestations. Seven major infestations were dealt with, four successfully, the remaining three required periodical treatment. Twenty-three minor infestations were also successfully dealt with.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

One S.D. Freighter (registered 1939) of 6 cubic yards capacity is used for this work, one driver and four men are employed on this vehicle.

It was necessary on occasions to utilise the Ford lorry to maintain this service. Owing to the age and nature of mechanical defects a new similar type vehicle was purchased during the year.

Approximately 4,368 cubic yards were collected and disposed of.

The tip was periodically treated for pest nuisances.

STREET CLEANSING, GULLEY AND CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

Although these services were reasonably maintained, it was at times necessary to borrow vehicles from the neighbouring authorities. The Council's Scammell at times being out of commission owing to mechanical defects.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health, including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises (1)	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted (4)
Factories with Mechanical power	17	2	
Factories without Mechanical power	14	3	
Other premises under the Act	16	I	—
Totals	47	6	

2. DEFECTS FOUND.

		Number of Defects				
Particulars	Found	Referred H.M. Found Remedied Inspect		Prosecu-		
Want of cleanliness	. I	I	_	_		
Overcrowding	. —	_	_			
Unreasonable temperature		_				
Inadequate ventilation	_	_	<u> </u>			
Ineffective drainage of floors	I	I		_		
Sanitary Conveniences—						
Insufficient	ı	I		_		
Unsuitable or defective	-	I	_			
Not separate for sexes			_			
Other offences	5	5		_		
Totals	9	9				
	No. in district	No. of visits in 1949	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied		
Bakehouses	6	16	I	I		
Dairies	_	_		_		
*Slaughterhouses—		• \				
Registered	2	17		_		
Other food-preparing places which are, as such, subject)				
to inspection	et +	252	3	3		
Offensive Trades		_	_	_		
Common Lodging Houses		_	_	_		
Houses-let-in-lodgings	_	_	_	—		
Factories	26	33	2	2		
Workshops	22	21	I	I		
Workplaces (other than out-						
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workers' homes)	15	9	I	I		

Ho	using Act, 1936. ()vercrowdi	ing.					
	(ii) Number of (iii) Number of (b) (i) Number of (c) (i) Number of (ii) Number of (d) (i) Particulars become ove for the aba	dwellings of families do persons do persons con of any caser crowded attement of	welling velling of over- ercrowd cerned ses in other the overcrowd overcrowd in the overcro	therein therein crowding re ing relieved in such cas which dwe te local Aut owding	eported of during es es lling-hou thority 1	luring the the year ses have has taken	year gain steps	
(1)	Total number of	houses o	wned	by the Lo	ocal Au	thority:	_	
	1919 Scheme			******	******	******	******	65
	1923 ,,	******	*******	01001010		******	******	28
	1924 ,,	*******	******	*******	******	******	*******	228
	Non-subsidy	******	******		******	******	******	112
	1936 Scheme	*******	******		******	***** **	******	28
	Prewar houses being	g sold unde	r mort	gage	******	4		34
	Temporary	******		*******	*****	*****	•••••	100
	Slum Clearance Are		******	*****	**-***	******		12
	New Houses, Perma	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			******	*******	•••••	38
	,, ,,	* *	bricate		******		******	62
	Swanscombe Street			Bungalows	******	******		3 8
	Purchased premises		eet	*******	******	******	•••••	2
	Requisitioned Units	*******	******	*******	*******		******	17
						Tota	a1	764
(2)	Number of new h	ouses built	t duri	ığ 1949 ,—	-			
	(a) By Local Auth	ority	*******	*******				
	Permanent	type	******	******	******	******	******	15
	Permanent	prefabricat	ed		*******	*****	*****	13
		mp Convers		******		*******	*****	II
	(b) By other bodie	s or persons	S	******	*******	******	******	
								39

I am,
Your obedient Servant,
I. E. CROUCHER,
Sanitary Inspector.

APPENDIX.

MEDWAY AND GRAVESEND HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. GRAVESEND AND NORTH KENT HOSPITAL. TIME TABLE.

MO	DA	. Y

9.30 a.m. 10.0 a.m. 11.0 a.m. 1.30 p.m. 2.0 p.m.	E.N.T. (K.E.C.) Traumatic E.N.T. Ophthalmic Fracture	Mr. T. Gill Surgical Registrar Mr. T. Gill Dr. McDonnell Mr. V. M. Franklin (By appointment)
	TUESDAY	
9.0 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 2.30 p.m. 3.0 p.m.	Dental Ophthalmic Surgical Ante-Natal Gynaecological)	Mr. F. T. Wilkinson Mr. G. L. Simmons Mr. M. Landau Mr. F. S. Horrocks Mr. A. M. Hunter
	WEDNESDAY	
9.0 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	Chest Clinic Surgical	Dr. H. C. Calvey Mr. B. F. C. Stanley (By appointment)
10.0 a.m.	Fracture	Mr. V. M. Franklin
12.0 noon	Physio-therapy	(By appointment) (Register) Mr. V. M. Franklin (Registrar)
3.0 p.m.	Psychiatric	Dr. S. W. Hardwick (By appointment with Almoner)
	THURSDAY	
9.30 a.m.	Orthopaedic	Mr. V. M. Franklin
9.30 a.m.	Chest (Refills)	(By appointment) Dr. H. C. Calvey
9.30 a.m.	Ophthalmic	Dr. W. E. Heath
12.0 110011	Physio-therapy	Mr. V. M. Franklin (Registrar)
1.30 p.m.	Ophthalmic (K.E.C.)	Mr. G. L. Simmons
	FRIDAY	
9.30 a.m.	Dental Dental	Mr. F. T. Wilkinson
a.m.	Fractures	Mr. V. M. Franklin (By appointment) (Registrar)
2.0 p.m.	Surgical	Mr. Sol. M. Cohen
2.0 p.111.	Psychiatric	Dr. J. J. Pearse (By appointment with Almoner)
	SATURDAY	
9.0 a.m.	Medical	Dr. Craig (By appointment)
		(b) appointment

DARTFORD HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. THE WEST HILL HOSPITAL. OUT-PATIENTS' CLINICS.

Ante-Natal	W. Gross, M.D., M.R.C.O.G.	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	2.0 p.m.—4.0 p.m. (Post-Natal) 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
	G. Dalley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.O.G.	Friday morr Thursday	ning. 1.15 p.m.—4.0 p.m.
Diabetic	J. Goldstein, M.D.,	Friday after	10011 at 2.0 p.m.
E.N.T.	J. F. Lipscomb, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.Eng.	Monday mon	ternoon (adults) rning (children) ointment telephone Casualty Department.)
Fracture	K. F. Hulbert, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.Eng.	Thursday me	orning.
Gynaecological	G. Dalley, M.R.C.S.,I.,R.C.P. M.R.C.O.G. A. W. Chester,	Monday mor Tuesday afte Tuesday mor	
(Endocrine disturbances)	M.D., M.R.C.O.G. W. Gross, M.D., M.R.C.O.G.	Monday	2.0 p.m.—-4.0 p.m.
Infertility	G. Dalley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.O.G.	Thursday me	orning
Medical	G. B. Stratton, M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P. N. D. McCreath, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.A.C.P. J. C. Hogarth, M.R.C.P., M.R.C.P., M.R.C.P.E., M.D., D.P.H.	Tuesday after Friday after Thursday me Friday after Tuesday after	noon. orning. noon.
Ophthalmic	F. Oliver Walker, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., D.O.	Monday afte	rnoon at 2.0 p.m.

The West Hill H	ospital—Out-Patients	s' Clinics—(continued).
Orthopaedic	K. F. Hulbert, M.B., B.S., D.A., F.R.C.S.Eng.	Tuesday morning. Wednesday afternoon. Thursday morning (no appointment).
Paediatric	D. Leys, B.A., D.M., F.R.C.P. S. D. V. Weller, M.D., M.R.C.P.	Wednesday afternoon. Wednesday afternoon.
Physical Medicine	R. H. Rattray, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Monday morning. Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday morning. Thursday afternoon. Friday afternoon. (For appointment telephone Physiotherapy Department).
Psychological	H. S. Capoore, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.D., D.P.M.	Monday morning (new patients). Friday afternoon (old patients).
Rheumatic	J. D. Hogarth, M.R.C.P., M.R.C.P.E., M.D., D.P.H.	Wednesday afternoon at 2.0 p.m.
Skin	C. M. Ockwell, D.P.H.,, F.R.C.S.Eng.,M.D.	Monday morning (old patients). Wednesday morning (new patients).
Special Clinic	C. M. Ockwell, D.P.H., F.R.C.S.Eng., M.D.	Female clinics on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from: 12.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m. Male clinics on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from: 5.0 p.m.—6.0 p.m.
Surgical	T. Meyrick Thomas, M.A., F.R.C.S., M.Ch. T. S. Cochrane, M.B., B.S. J. C. Morris, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Ed. J. A. E. Watts, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.Ed. M. N. Rankin, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.	Thursday afternoon (old patients).
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Urological J. C. Morris, B.Sc. M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. Ed.
Tuesday Morning.

X-Ray Department

Monday—Friday 9.0 a.m.—5.0 p.m.
Saturday

Monday—Friday 9.0 a.m.—1.0 p.m.

Monday—Friday 9.0 a.m.—5.0 p.m.

For appointment, please telephone Hospital Office, (Dartford 3223) except where otherwise stated.

DARTFORD HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. THE LIVINGSTONE HOSPITAL. OUT-PATIENTS' CLINICS.

E.N.T.

J. F. Lipscombe,
M.B., B.S.,
F.R.C.S.Eng.

Gynaecological

G. Dalley,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
M.R.C.O.G.

Medical

J. C. Hogarth,
M.R.C.P., M.R.C.P.E.,
M.D., D.P.H.

Alternate Wednesdays 2.15 p.m.

Alternate Fridays 2.0 p.m.

Alternate Wednesdays 9.30 a.m.

Psychological B. Cates, Alternate Tuesdays 2.0 p.m. M.B., B.S., D.P.M.

Surgical T. Meyrick Thomas, Every Thursday, 9.30 a.m. M.S., F.R.C.S., M.Ch.

X-Ray Department Tuesday and Friday 9.0 a.m. Monday and Thursday 5.0 p.m.

Massage and Electrical Treatment

Daily 9 a.m.—4.30 p.m.

(except week-ends)

Monday)

Tuesday) 5.0 p.m.—7.0 p.m.

Thursday) Friday)

For appointment, please telephone Dartford 3322.







